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COMMENT ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that some claims do not include all of the elements mentioned by the Examiner, and other claims include elements not mentioned by the Examiner. Also, to the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of the claims rests on the recitation of the particular combination of features as stated by the Examiner, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement because, for each claim, it is the combination of features recited in the claim that makes it patentable. All claims of the present application are allowable because they each recite a combination of features that are not taught or suggested by the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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